THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Rather, certain components of Training and Visit System of agricultural extension such as research extension linkage, training infrastructure, broadcasting of agricultural extension and augmenting extension services for farm women are being strengthened further.

Sectoral plans for National Capital Region

*247. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any detailed sectoral Plans for the National Capital Region;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the National Capital Region Plan has run into problems;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and the steps taken to solve these problems; and

(e) what progress has so far been made by the National Capital Region Planning Board which was set up in 1985 to contain Delhi's population and plan the development of the Capital and its neighbouring areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) The N.C.R. Planning Board has worked out the investment requirements in the region in different sectors concerning Central ministries as follows:—

National Highways	Rs.	259 Crores
Expressways	Rs.	95 Crores
Telecommunications	Rs.	530 Crores.
Railways	Rs.	443 Crores.
TOTAL:	Rs.	1327 Crores.

(c) to (e) The development of the National Capital Region according to the regional plan approved in 1989 could not be undertaken on account of inadequate budgetary provision for infrastructure provision and land development in the priority centres as well as difficulties in decentralising various activities from Delhi;

As part of 8th Plan strategy for urban development, the Government has envisaged the following measures for the accelerated and balanced development of the N.C.R. in cooperation with concerned central ministeries and State Governments:—

(i) Large scale employment generation in priority towns.

(ii) Development of regional infrastructure, transport and telecommunications.

(iii) Development of land city level infrastructure in priority towns and counter magnets.

(iv) Development of express highways and transmission/distribution of power.

(v) increased plan provision in the central sector, with larger reliance on institutional finance and private sector involvement.

(vi) Amendment to the N. C. R. Act, and institutional strengthening for more effective implementation of the regional and subregional plans.

(vii) Vigorous steps for decentralisation of activities from Delhi and to ensure uniform taxes and tariffs over Delhi and rest of the region.